Executive Director, Hindustan Times, New Delhi.

3. Sh. Brij Mohan Lall, Industrialist, Hero Honda Group, New Delhi.

4. Sh. D.H. Pai Panandikar, Ex. Secretary General, FICCI, New Delhi.

Southern Area Local Board :

1. Sh. Etasu Ayyapu Reddy, Advocate Hyderabad.

2. Sh. K. Shankar, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Chemical and Plastics India Ltd., Madras.

3. Sh. K. Ramunni Menon, IAS (Retd.), Trivandrum.

4. Sh. Devineni Seetharamaiah, Chartered Accountant, Brahmayya & Co., Hyderabad.

Cases of Excise Evasion, Bank Frauds etc.

5466. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that even in the wake of the biggest financial scam that rocked the country, more and more cases of alleged excise evasion, bank frauds involving big industrial houses are coming to light;

(b) what deterent action Government propose to take against the erring parties, particularly the banks and financial institutions, for over-looking such financial irregularities as pointed out by JPC;

(c) whether he has received any communication from any Member of Parliament in this connection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Losses Incurred by Public Sector Banks

5467. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Public Sector Banks have incurred losses to the tune of crores of rupees during 1993-94;

(b) if so, the names of such banks, the quantum of losses and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has framed guideline for public sector banks to save them from such losses;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to bring public sector banks at par with foreign banks operating in India in the matter of customer's satisfaction oriented services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to rectify the indifferent and callous attitude of the public sector banks employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Public sector banks are yet to finalise their annual accounts for the year 1993-94.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have initiated various steps to improve the working and profitability of the public sector banks. The banks have been advised to prepare Action Plans on the following areas :

(i) Improvement in the organisational set up;

(ii) Improving the productivity levels including mechanisation in key areas and containment of staff;

(iii) Human Resources Development;

(iv) Improving house-keeping and internal control;

(v) Improvement in credit appraisal, monitoring and generally improving credit administration;

(vi) Effective recovery measures;

(vii) Strengthening vigilance machinery and deterrent action against erring officials; and

(viii) Profit planning and improvement in profit levels.